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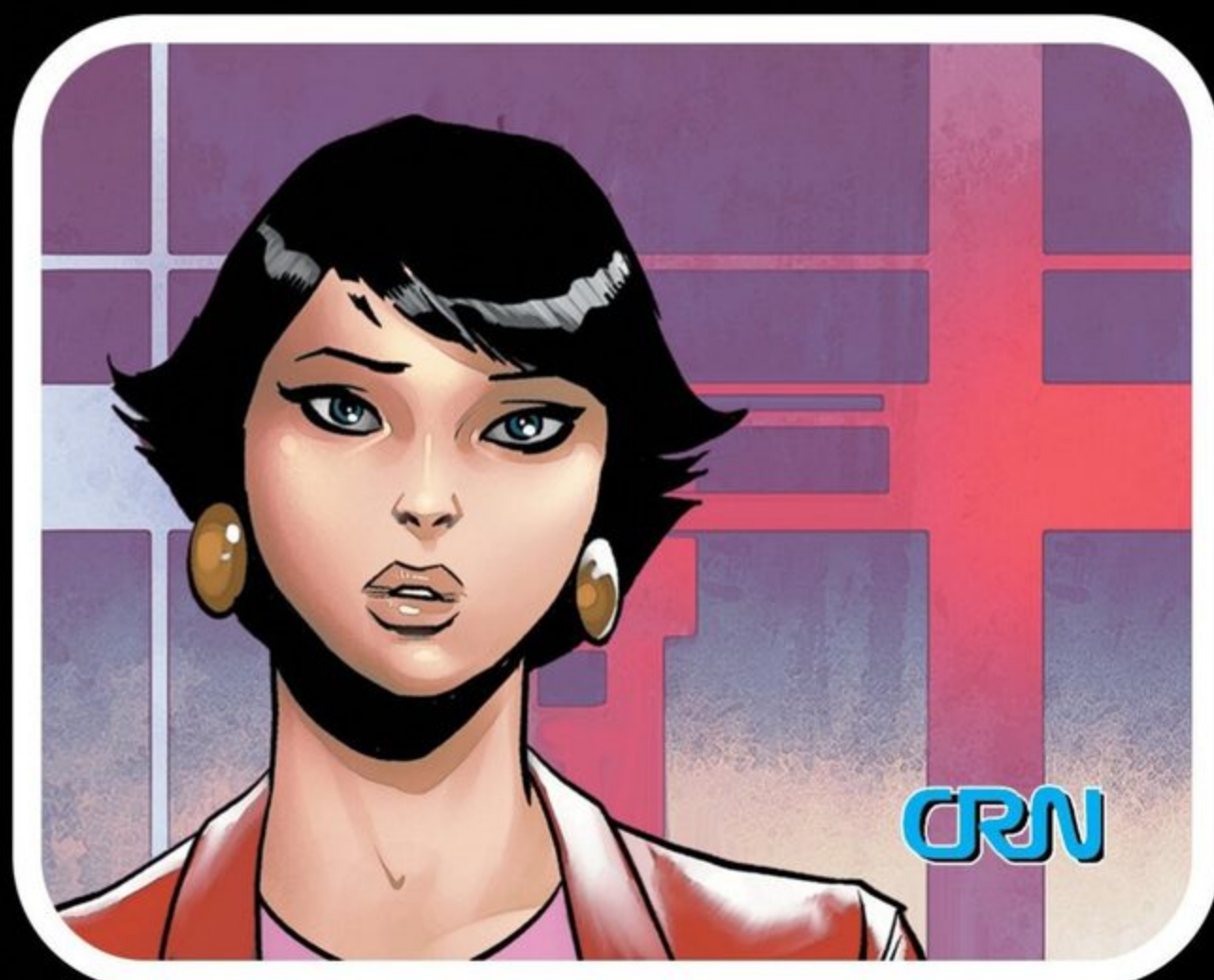
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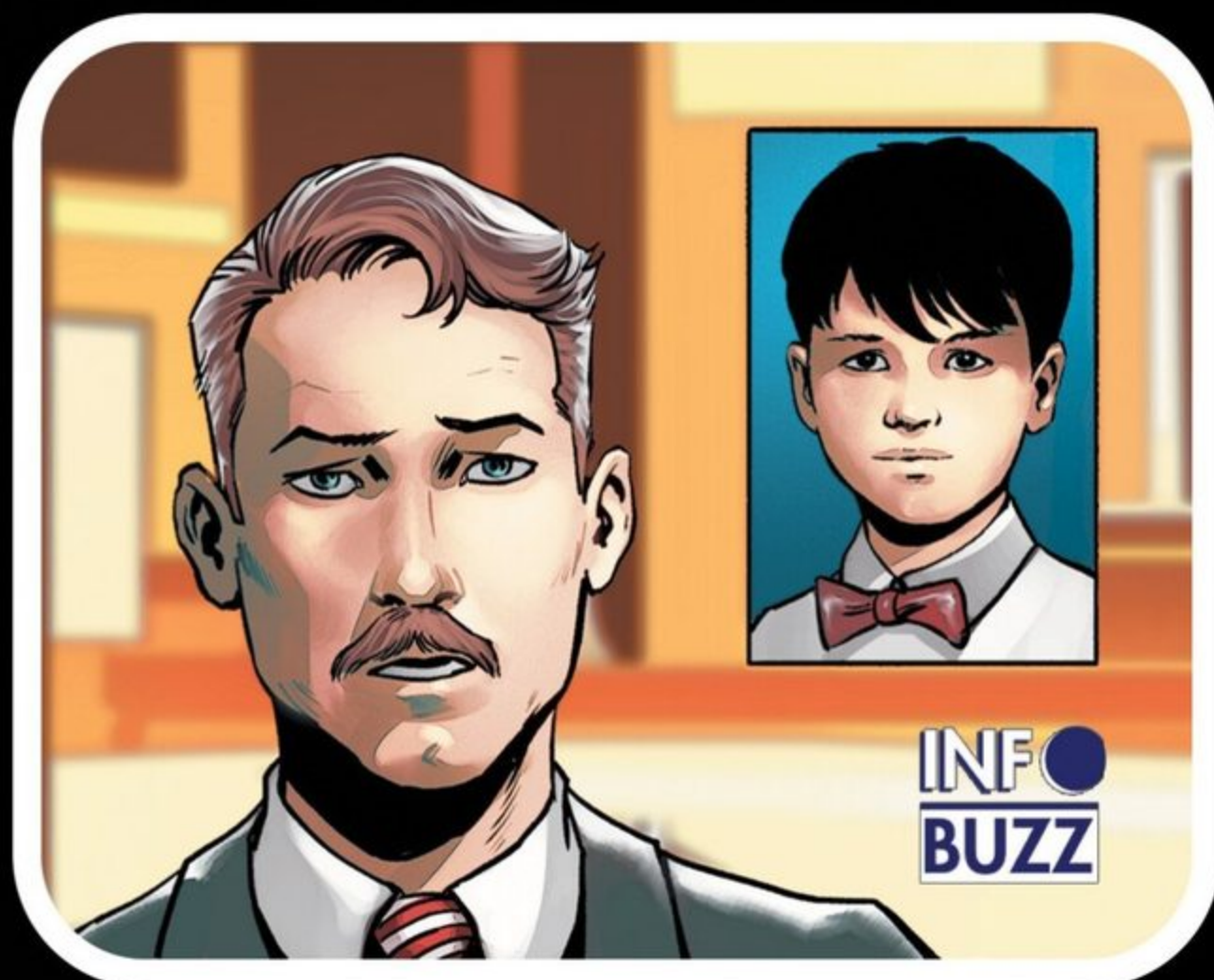
Nothing in Hell or on Earth can prevent SPAWN from putting a stop to the rampaging WRAITH.



WE ARE BRINGING YOU THE LATEST ON THE HORRIFIC ATTACK ON THE FBI'S MANHATTAN BRANCH TODAY. THIRTEEN FBI AGENTS HAVE BEEN KILLED WITH AT LEAST TEN MORE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A PAIR OF TERRORISTS STORMED THE BUILDING AROUND 10 A.M. WE ARE TRYING TO DETERMINE EXACT DETAILS, BUT THE ARCHITECT OF THESE ATTACKS IS BELIEVED TO BE FORMER LT. COLONEL AL SIMMONS, THE VIGILANTE KNOWN AS SPAWN.

LT. COL SIMMONS WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY SIX YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, A MAN CLAIMING TO BE HIM, APPEARED IN A SERIES OF MEDIA INTERVIEWS, IN WHICH HE ATTACKED THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL AND MILITARY STRUCTURES. ACCUSING THEM OF COVERING UP HIS DISAPPEARANCE, AND CALLING ON PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD TO RISE UP AGAINST THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT THIS MAN'S IDENTITY HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED AND NO SUBSEQUENT PUBLIC SIGHTINGS OF HIM HAVE BEEN GIVEN...



IT'S BELIEVED THAT SIMMONS' GOAL IN CARRYING OUT THESE ATTACKS WAS TO ABDUCT ANDY WHEELER, ONE OF FIVE BOYS WHO DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR HOMES EARLIER THIS WEEK. ACCORDING TO MY COLLEAGUE, CHRISTINA GOULE, WHEELER HAD APPEARED MYSTERIOUSLY OUTSIDE THE FBI'S MANHATTAN OFFICE IN THE EARLY HOURS THIS MORNING. AGENTS WERE COMPLETING A PARTIAL INTERVIEW WITH THE BOY WHEN SIMMONS LAUNCHED HIS ATTACK.

SIMMONS HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSIDERED AS A SUSPECT IN THIS CASE, BUT AUTHORITIES ARE NOW INVESTIGATING WHETHER HE MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORIGINAL ABDUCTIONS. SPECULATION IS THAT ANDY WHEELER MAY HAVE MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM WHATEVER LOCATION HE WAS BEING KEPT AT WITH THE OTHER BOYS. AT PRESENT, THE STATUS OF THE OTHER BOYS IS UNKNOWN. STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CURRENTLY SEARCHING FOR ANY KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF SIMMONS...



GIVE ME A BREAK!! OF COURSE THIS IS AN **INSIDE JOB!** THE **DEEP STATE** IS GOING INTO OVERDRIVE WITH THEIR PET AGENCY, THE **TOTALLY** COMPROMISED F.B.I. LOOK, I WANT THESE KIDS TO BE FOUND ALIVE MORE THAN ANYONE, **BUT** WE HAVE TO FACE FACTS; NONE OF US HAVE ACTUALLY SEEN ANDY WHEELER SINCE HIS ALLEGED RETURN. WE'RE JUST GOING ON THE FBI'S WORD THAT HE WAS **ACTUALLY** THERE! AND WE KNOW THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY'VE **LIED** TO US!

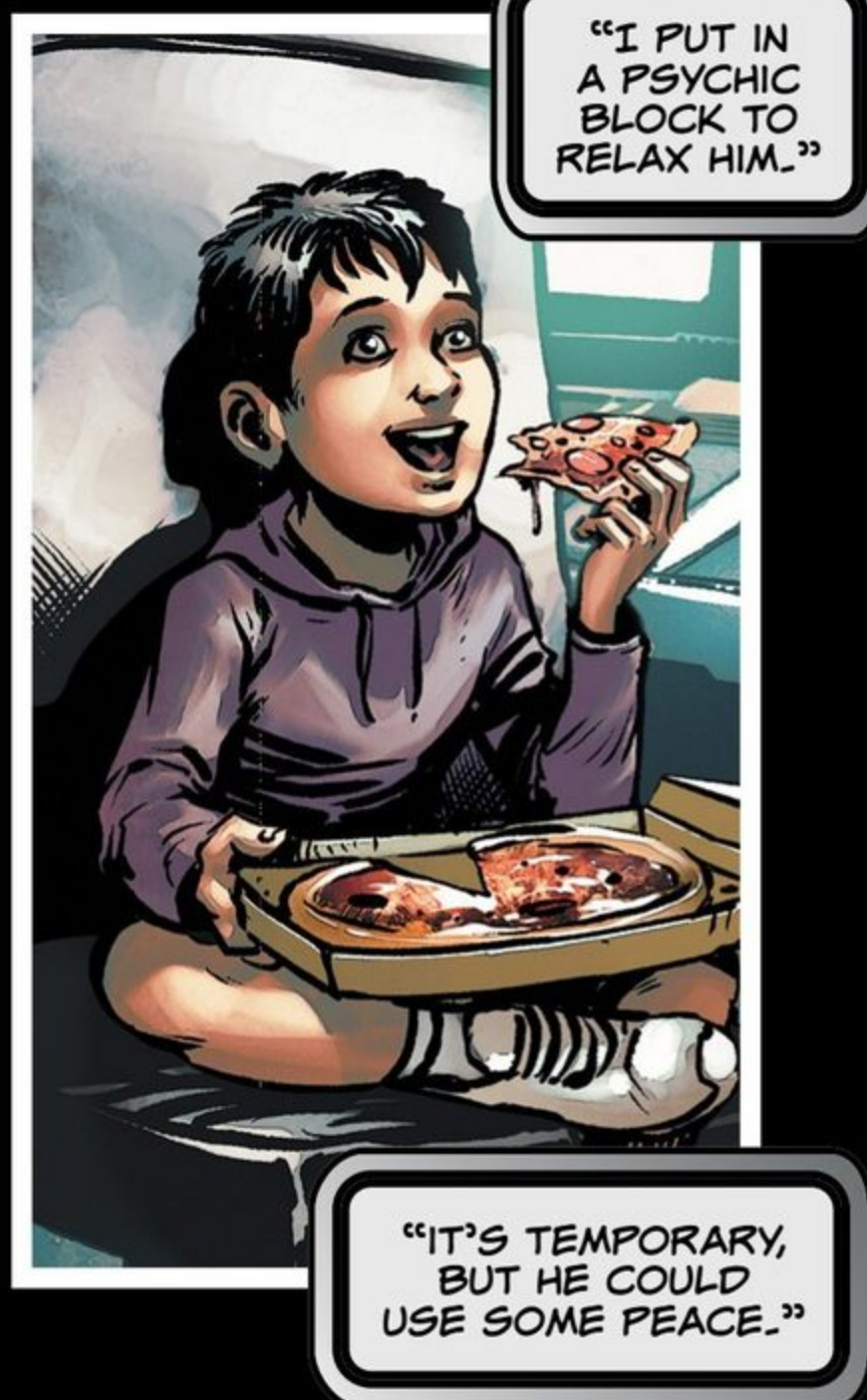
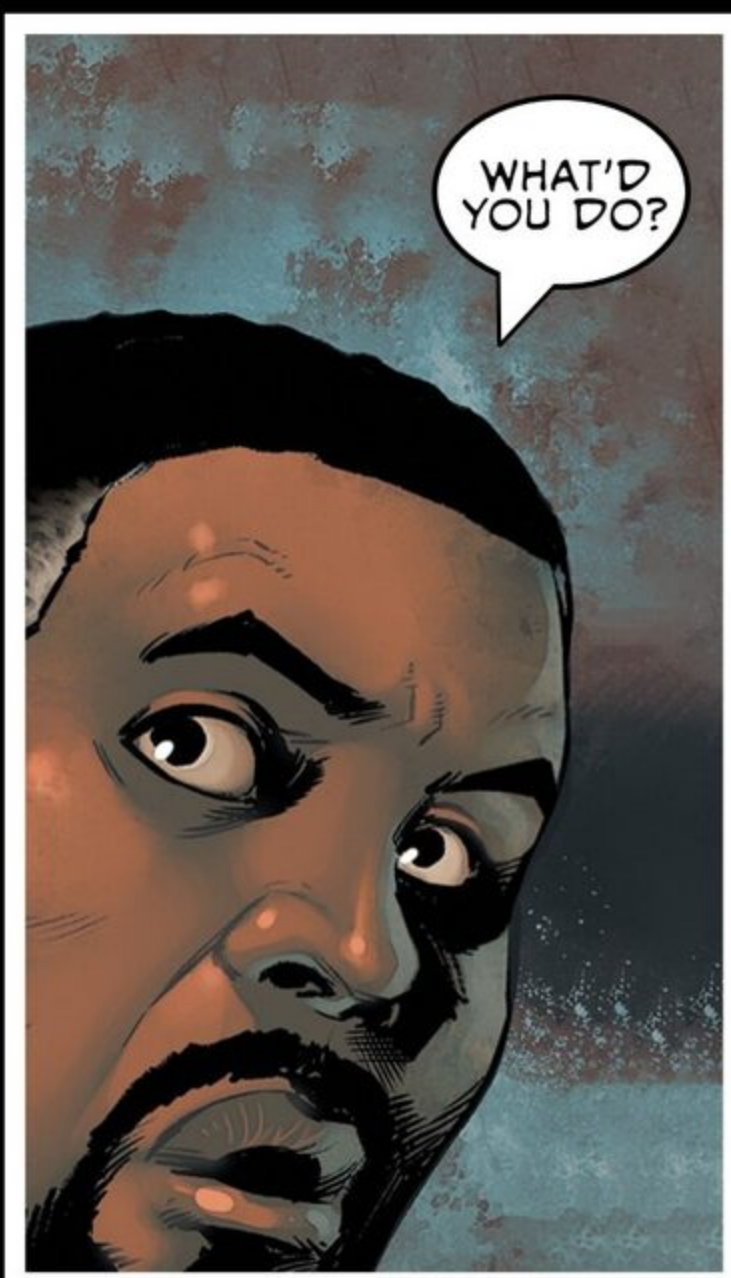
DO THEY REALLY EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT SIMMONS AND THIS OTHER GUY BROKE INTO THE FBI'S OFFICE AND DID THAT MUCH DAMAGE?

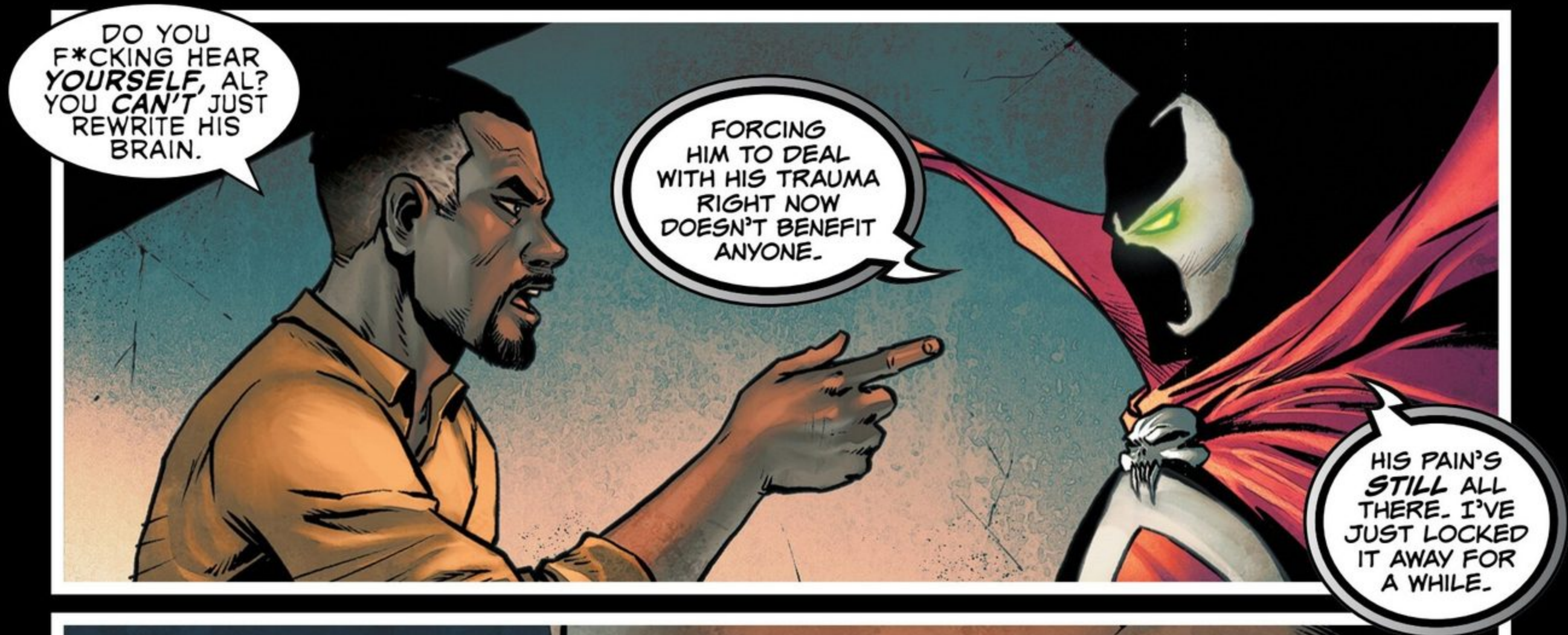
THE **WASHINGTON ELITE** KNOW THAT SIMMONS' MESSAGE IS RESONATING WITH **REAL** PEOPLE AND THEY'RE WORKING TO DISCREDIT HIM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

KEEP A **CLOSE EYE** TO SEE IF ANY OF THESE DEAD FBI AGENTS EVEN **EXISTED**. HELL, SIMMONS ALREADY TOLD US THE MILITARY FAKED **HIS** DEATH. WHY IS THIS ANY DIFFERENT?!









DO YOU
F*CKING HEAR
YOURSELF, AL?
YOU *CAN'T* JUST
REWRITE HIS
BRAIN.

FORCING
HIM TO DEAL
WITH HIS TRAUMA
RIGHT NOW
DOESN'T BENEFIT
ANYONE.

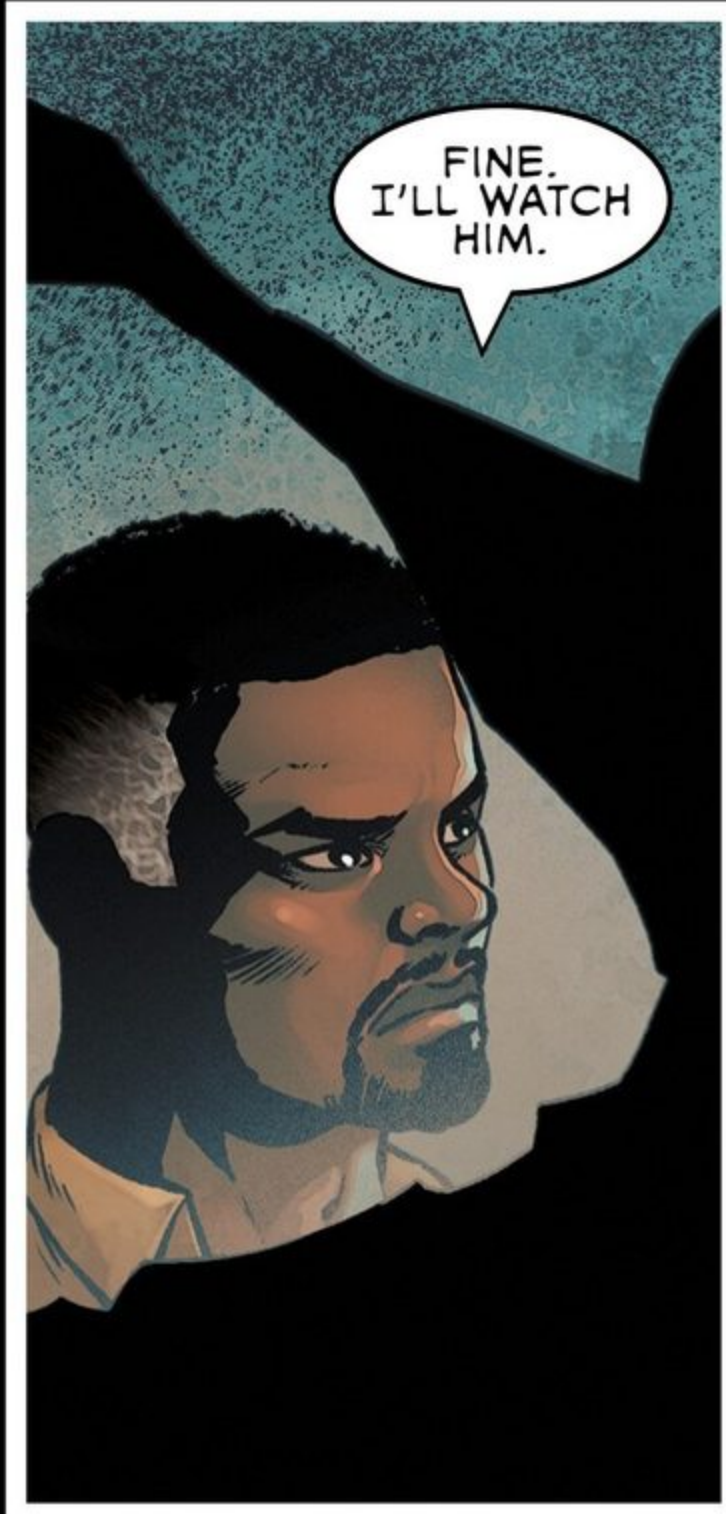
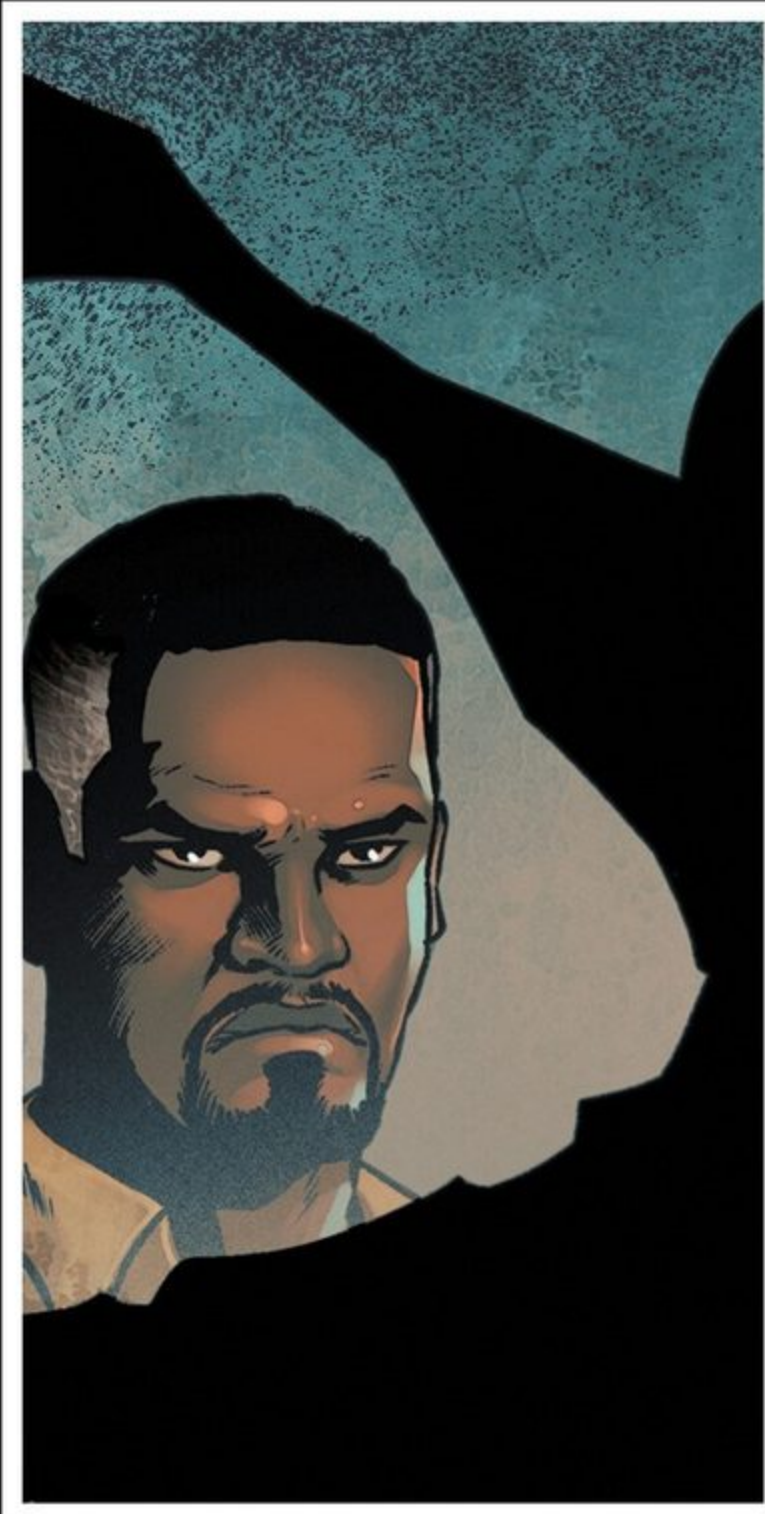
HIS PAIN'S
STILL ALL
THERE. I'VE
JUST LOCKED
IT AWAY FOR
A WHILE.



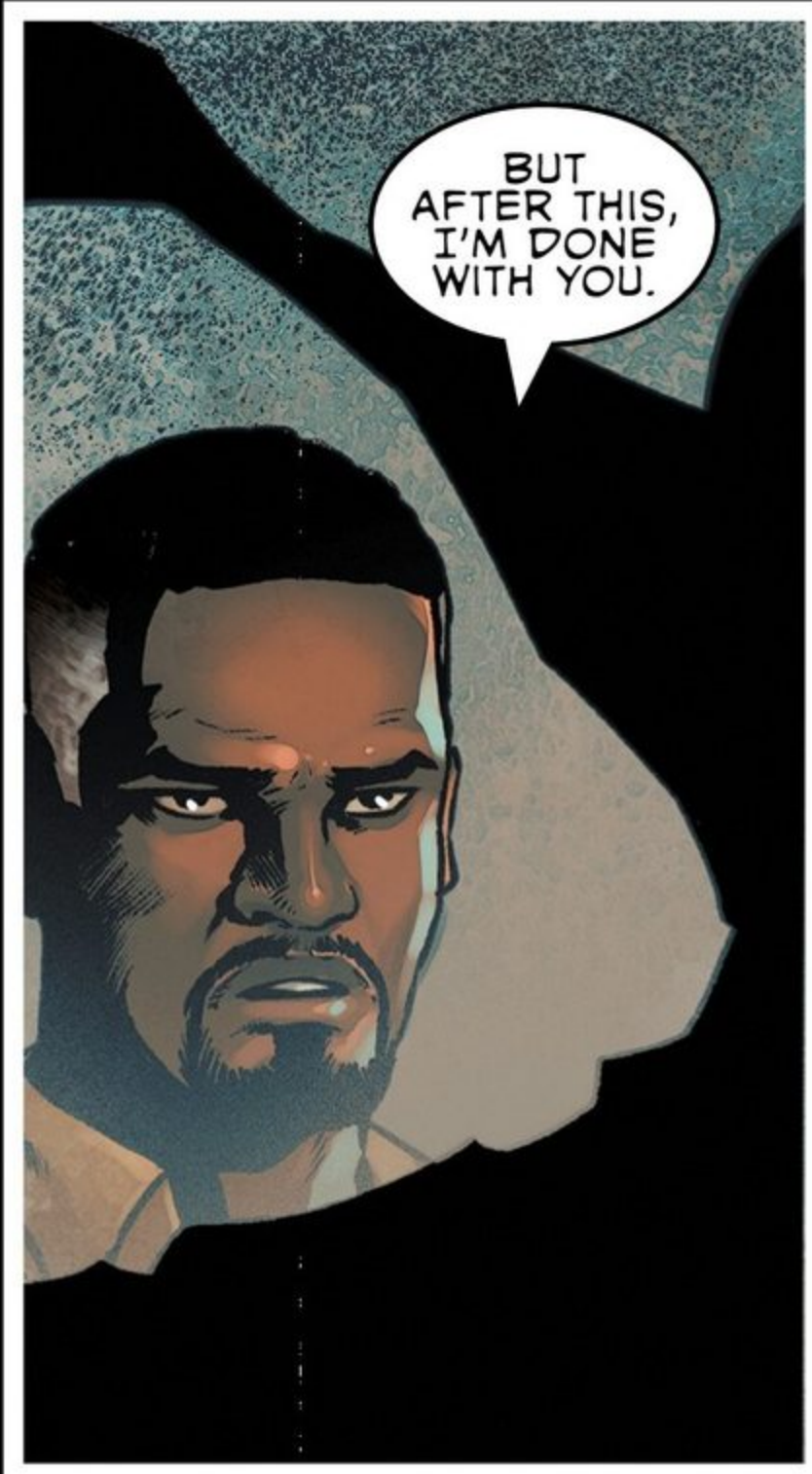
AND
THEN WHAT?
YOU CAN'T
KEEP HIM HERE
FOREVER.
YOU'LL HAVE
TO GIVE HIM
BACK SOME
TIME.



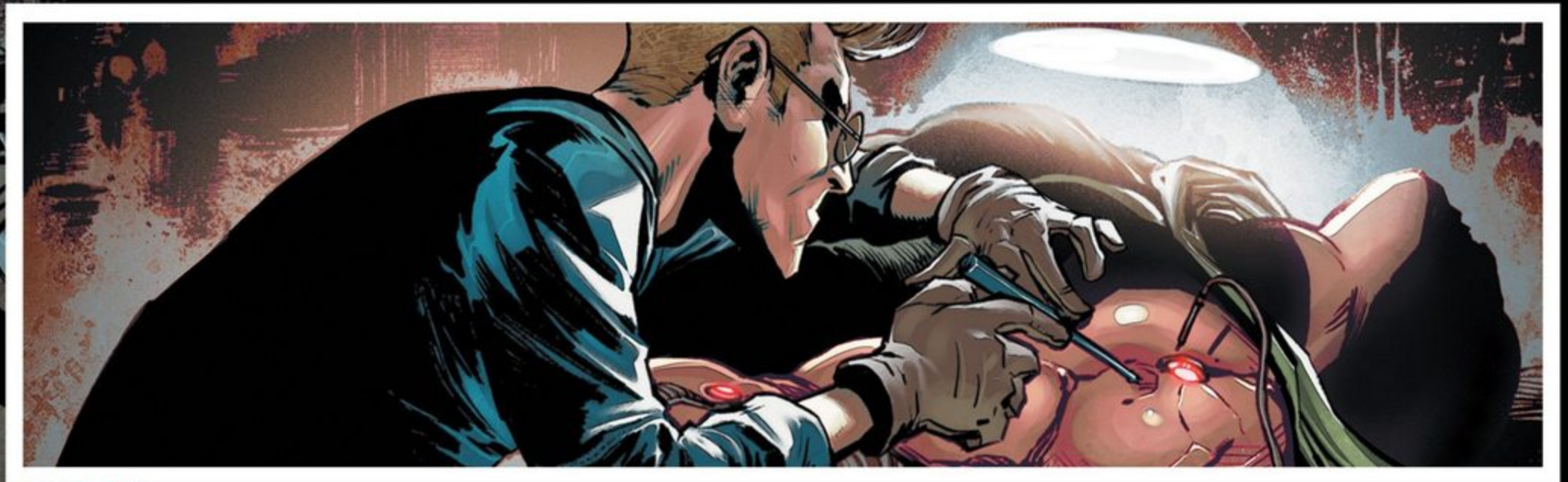
I WILL.
WHEN I KNOW
HE'S SAFE AND NOT
BEING HUNTED
AGAIN.



FINE.
I'LL WATCH
HIM.



BUT
AFTER THIS,
I'M DONE
WITH YOU.



LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF GENETIC AUGMENTATION WORK'S BEEN DONE.



HAVE YOU FOUND A WAY FOR ME TO TRACK HIM?

NOT YET. THIS ISN'T REALLY MY AREA OF **EXPERTISE**; I'LL NEED MORE TIME.



OH, THERE IS ONE THING I WANTED TO SHOW YOU. HIS ARM SEEMS TO CHANGE VSIZE DEPENDING ON EXTERNAL FACTORS.



I TOOK A VIDEO EARLIER THAT... SHIT.

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WHAT IS IT?



A MASS SHOOTING AT SOME MALL IN JERSEY AND... THEY'RE SAYING THE SHOOTER'S **DRESSED** LIKE YOU.



"...THE GUNMAN IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ENTERED THE MALL TWENTY MINUTES AGO WHERE HE OPENED FIRE ON SHOPPERS."



WHILE MANY HAVE MANAGED TO ESCAPE, DOZENS ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. SO FAR, WE'VE RECEIVED REPORTS OF AT LEAST 18 CASUALTIES...

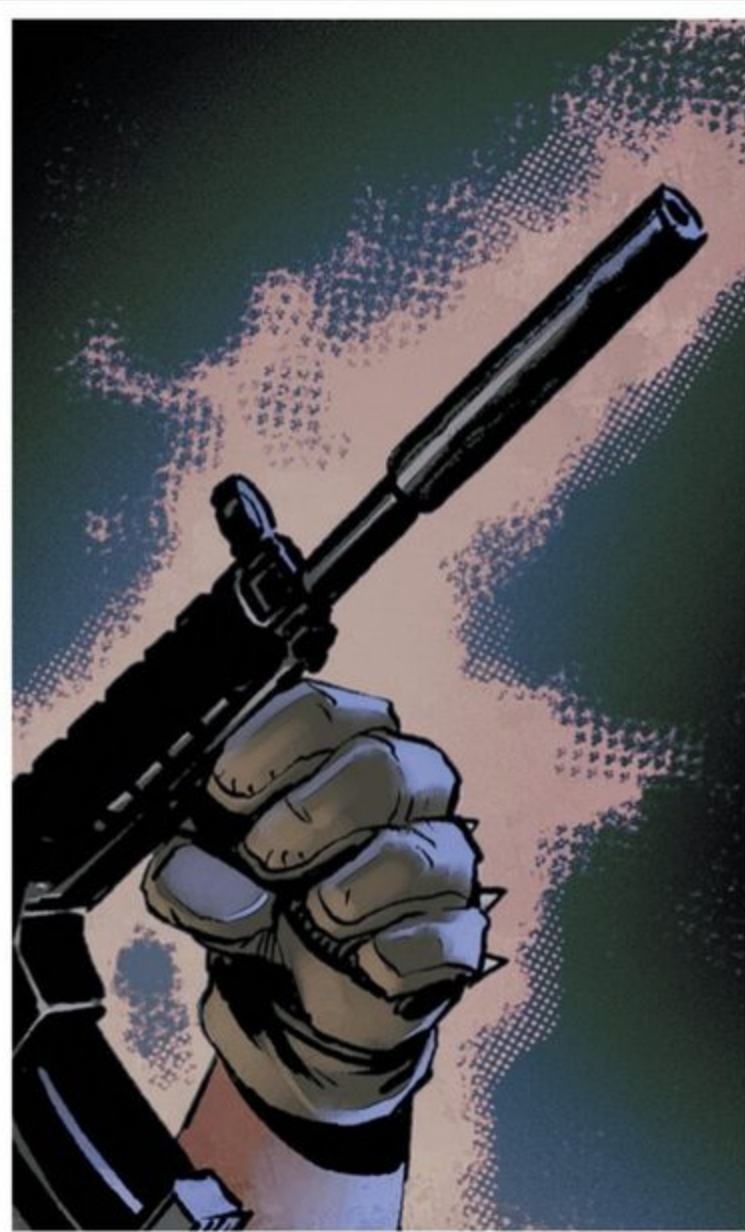
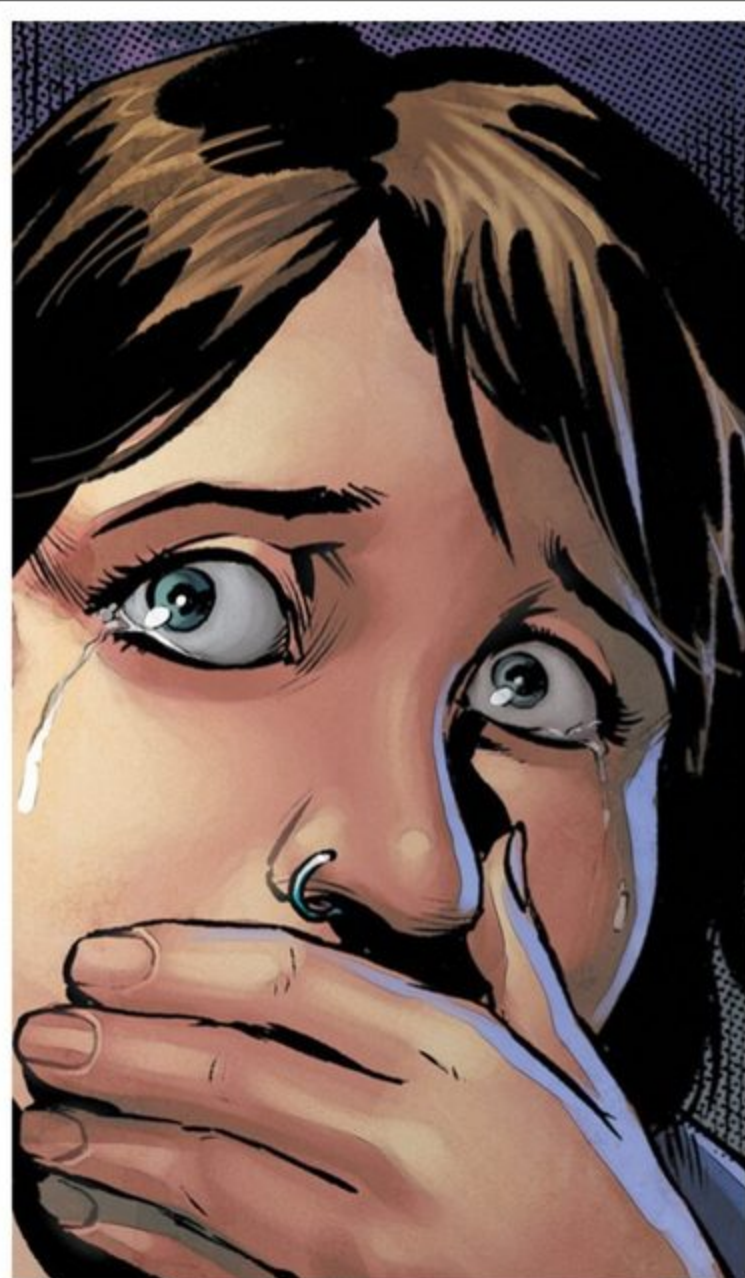


"...WITH THAT NUMBER SADLY EXPECTED TO RISE IN THE HOURS AHEAD."



INSIDE THE MALL.









"...BREAKING NEWS OF A BOMB ATTACK IN SYDNEY HARBOUR THAT'S CLAIMED THE LIVES OF OVER FORTY PEOPLE AND COUNTING--"



"--TRUCK HAS JUST DRIVEN INTO A CROWD IN NEW DELHI, MOWING DOWN SEVERAL PEOPLE. POLICE ESTIMATE--"



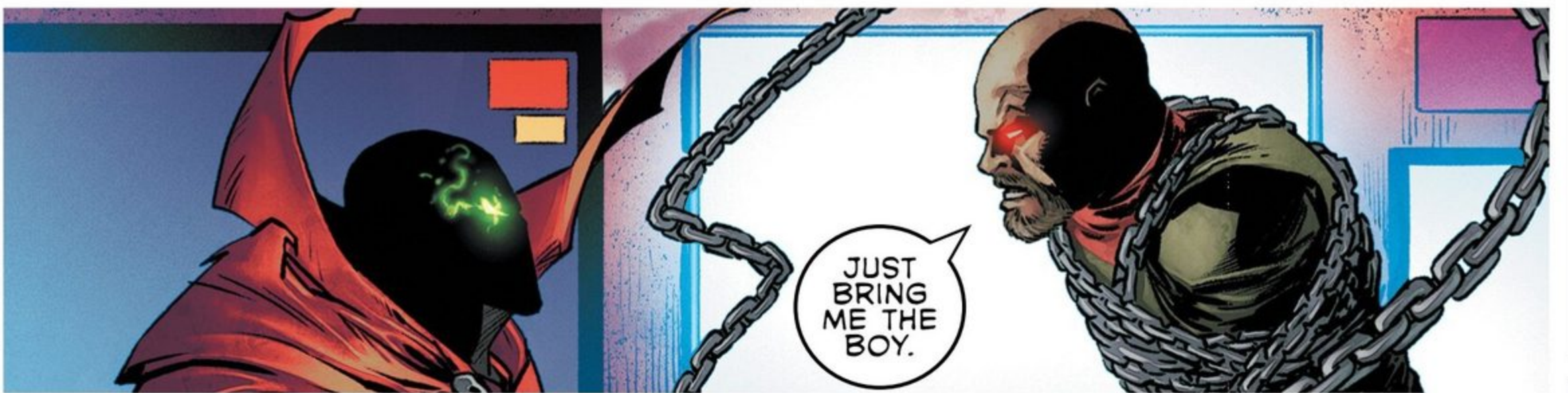
"--THE MAN ENTERED THE HOSPITAL AND BEGAN STABBING MEMBERS OF STAFF. TWELVE DEATHS..."

HOPE THAT MAKES THINGS A BIT CLEARER.



THOSE ATTACKS WILL CONTINUE FOR AS LONG AS NEEDED. EVERY DEATH WILL BE ON YOUR SHOULDERS.

BUT
YOU CAN
STOP
THEM.



JUST
BRING
ME THE
BOY.

BECAUSE
WHILE WE'VE
BEEN TALKING, A
CAR BOMB HAS GONE
OFF IN BEIRUT AND A
MASS SHOOTING IN
REYKJAVIK...

THIS ISN'T A
NEGOTIATION.





BODIES
WILL **CONTINUE**
TO PILE UP UNTIL YOU
BRING HIM TO ME.
UNDERSTAND?



SO, ASK
YOURSELF...



...HOW
MANY LIVES
ARE YOU
WILLING TO
SACRIFICE TO
SAVE THIS
BOY?



SEE
YOU
SOON.



Michael Lynch
1992-2000
Beloved son and brother

WILLIAM LYNCH
ALWAYS HATED
MIKEY'S GRAVE.

AS AN ADULT, HE
SEES HOW IT MAY HAVE
BROUGHT HIS RELATIVES
SOME COMFORT. A
SENSE OF CLOSURE.

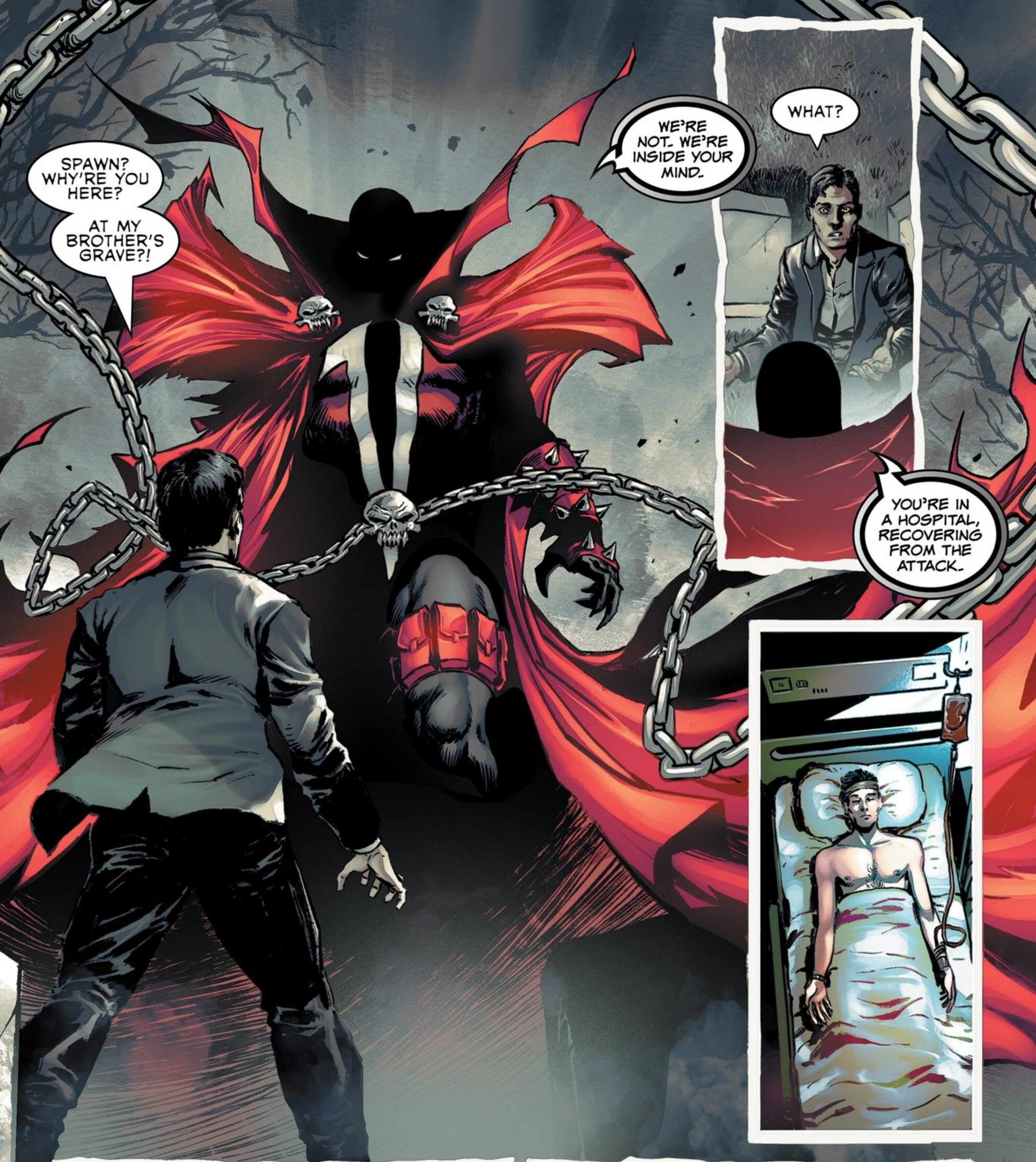
BUT TO HIM, IT
JUST FELT LIKE
AN **ADMISSION**
OF DEFEAT.

THAT THEY KNEW
THEY WERE NEVER
GOING TO FIND
HIS BROTHER.

THAT THEY
WERE
GIVING UP.



LYNCH...



SPAWN?
WHY'RE YOU
HERE?

AT MY
BROTHER'S
GRAVE?!

WE'RE
NOT. WE'RE
INSIDE YOUR
MIND.

WHAT?

YOU'RE IN
A HOSPITAL,
RECOVERING
FROM THE
ATTACK.



OH GOD,
THE OFFICE!
I WAS THERE!
IS ANDY...



HE'S SAFE.
EVERYTHING WENT
AS PLANNED.



AS PLANNED?
THAT *PSYCHOPATH*
MURDERED HALF THE
PEOPLE I WORK
WITH. IT--

JESUS
CHRIST, *YOU KNEW*
SOMETHING LIKE THIS
WAS GOING TO HAPPEN,
DIDN'T YOU?



THERE'S
ALWAYS A COST
TO WAR.

WAR?!
THOSE WERE REAL
PEOPLE, INNOCENT
PEOPLE!



WE GOT
WHAT WE NEEDED.
I'M DEALING WITH
THE WRAITH, HE'LL
BE PUNISHED
IN TIME.



THAT'S
IT?! YOU JUST
PLAY GOD WITH
PEOPLE'S
LIVES?

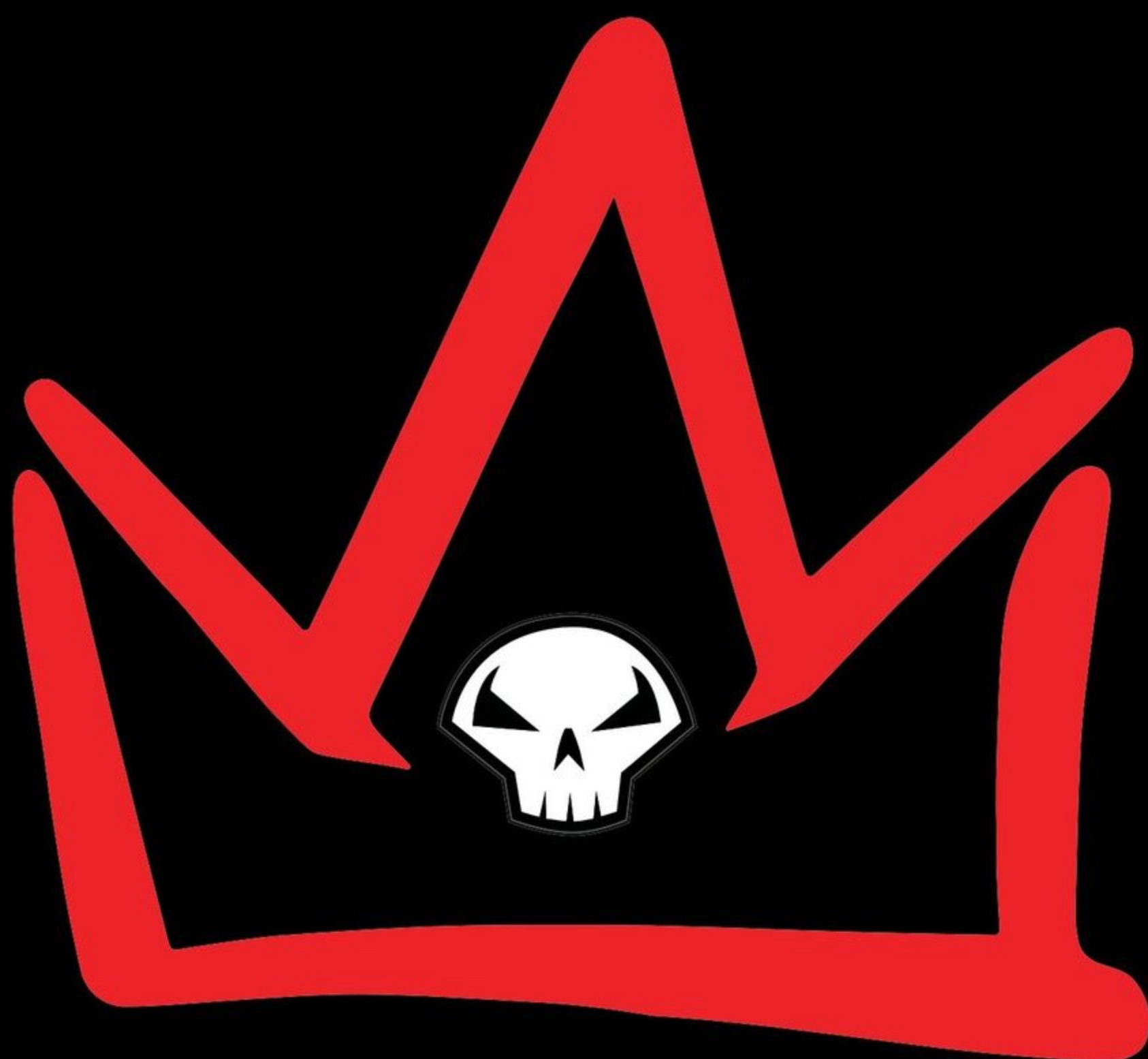
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A HERO,
NOT A F*CKING
BUTCHER!



TRY
TO REST,
LYNCH---



---VERY
SOON, THIS
WILL ALL BE
OVER---



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

FANART



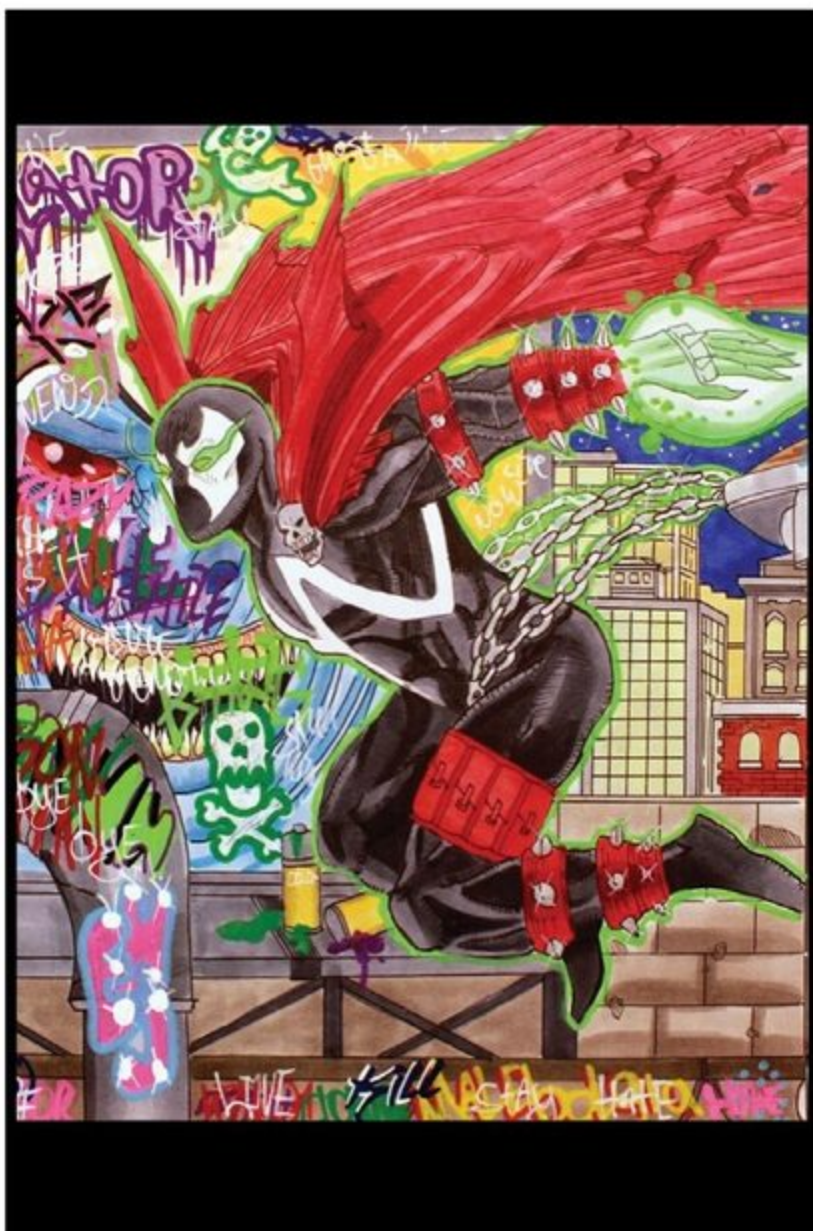
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RECKLESS **EAST OF WEST** **I KILL GIANTS**
THE WALKING DEAD **I HATE FAIRYLAND**
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRUTH *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILLADELPHIA **BATTLE CHASERS**
SAVAGE DRAGON
PRETTY DEADLY **BLACK SCIENCE** **THE WICKED + THE DIVINE**
MONSTRESS CHEW *SWEET PAPRIKA*
GIDEON FALLS
MOONSTRUCK **UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY** **SKYWARD** **OBLIVION SONG**
DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS* **THE OLD GUARD**
INVINCIBLE **WANTED** *BITTER ROOT*
STRAY DOGS **WHAT'S THE FURTHEST PLACE FROM HERE** **SNOTGIRL**
SAGA *KICK-ASS* **WITCHBLADE** *ISOLA*
INKBLOT **DIE**
GOD COUNTRY
FIRE POWER
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